

SENATE BILL 734

By Kyle

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,
Chapter 215, relative to environmental protection.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 215, is amended by adding Sections 2–3 as a new part.

SECTION 2. Operators of truck stops, travel centers, and diesel refueling stations shall conduct soil and water testing every three (3) years on the property where the establishments are located and on land contiguous to the property. The tests shall be conducted to determine if environmental contamination has occurred due to the release of petroleum products. All test results, including findings of an absence of contamination, shall be forwarded to the commissioner of environment and conservation within ten (10) calendar days of the receipt of the test results by the operator.

SECTION 3. The commissioner of environment and conservation shall promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of this part, including rules regarding the manner and means of conducting soil and water testing pursuant to this part. The rules shall be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 4. For the purpose of promulgating rules, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect January 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.